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Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Room 700
Washington, DC 20006

**Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 579X), CSX Transportation, Inc. –
Abandonment Exemption – in Parke and Vermillion Counties, IN**

Dear Secretary Williams:

The Indiana Trails Fund, Inc. (the "ITF") requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately 1.17 miles of railroad between milepost BD-191.41 at Montezuma and milepost BD-192.58 at Hillsdale in Parke and Vermillion Counties, IN, in the above-entitled proceeding. The current extension of the negotiating period expired on December 12, 2006. CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the ITF, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the ITF. CSXT respectfully requests the Board to grant a 180-day extension of time to June 10, 2007 to negotiate trail use with the ITF. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to August 9, 2007.

Enclosed please find the original and 10 copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$350.00. Please time and date stamp a copy of this letter and return it with the enclosed self-addressed and stamped letter.

Thank you for your assistance and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Armbrust', written in a cursive style.

Steven C. Armbrust

cc: Parties of Record